

## "...WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED"

By ALEX MORISEY, AFSC Community Relations Writer

THE QUESTION WAS: What can be done to encourage a recalcitrant community to meet its obligation to provide public education for its young people?

Last summer, after careful consideration, the AFSC undertook to answer this question in Prince Edward County, Virginia, where 1,700 Negro children had been denied a full year of public education. The county had closed its 21 white and Negro schools in defiance of a court order to desegregate. About the same number of white children were out of public schools, but a makeshift private system was provided for them. The Negro community spurned a private school system, which

they believed to be an unconstitutional evasion of the law.

In mid-July it was obvious there would still be no public schools in Prince Edward County this fall. A fleet of idle school buses would deteriorate behind padlocked fences and screens of towering weeds. Education would doubtless lose some of its luster for youngsters already frustrated in their pursuit of it.

With the original question unanswered, the AFSC asked itself another: What emergency steps could be taken to temper the disadvantage to some children? The clear answer was the AFSC Prince Edward County Emergency Placement Project.

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From the outset, the AFSC wanted to make sure that the children would be offered a year's school experience that would be both educationally and culturally enriching. In order to do so it decided to seek placements in northern communities where the children could attend integrated schools.

Interracial committees were organized in each of the communities to give the project local direction. These groups found homes, secured permissions for school enrollment, and took responsibility for tuition costs, where necessary. Some communities waived tuition fees.

The AFSC was careful to avoid having the project interpreted as relieving Prince Edward County of its responsibility. The AFSC wanted to place a limited number of children, giving preference to older pupils who might become overage or lose interest before public schools were reopened.

### Response is Enthusiastic

Once the decision was made to relocate some of the students, an enthusiastic response from both parents and children guaranteed its feasibility. A steady stream of students and parents poured into the temporary AFSC office in the Farmville, Va., home of one of the community's most civic-minded Negro citizens. In this way they responded to the "grapevine" message that someone was in town offering Prince Edward children an opportunity to attend schools this year in other communities.

Hurried mail and telephone communications found northern communities

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**Prince Edward County's fleet of fenced-in buses are idle while 3,000 Negro and white children are denied public education.**

## ...true peace is a moral condition...

Philadelphia, Pa.  
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Dear Friends:

I write these words just before the American people will reach their moment of decision in choosing a new President. At one point, however, there appears to be no choice—the next occupant of the White House has already committed himself to the increase of our armed might as a means of ensuring peace.

The political challenges which our head of state faces at this moment in history are terrible ones. May God be with the man who has to bear the awful responsibility of trying to prevent the outbreak of war! But let us be quite clear that the attempt to prevent war by military might does not ensure peace. For true peace is a moral condition, and therefore the moral challenges, for the President and for each of us, are even more agonizing than the political.

Men are wont to speak of peace as being a state we normally enjoy but which we lose from time to time. The truth is that the human family has never yet known peace "experientially." We have not lived as a community in which all men, all resources, and all power were available for the betterment of society. We cannot for the first time break through into this peace by means of an armaments race. Shall we ask greater numbers of our young men to learn the archaic art of the bayonet? Shall we condition ourselves to press the button or release the bacteria? Shall we call upon the best of our scientific minds to improve always our power to devastate and destroy? Shall we siphon off from human betterment a huge percentage of our total monetary, industrial, and material resources and divert them to the purposes of

mass destruction? Can we conceivably expect by these means to create within the minds and hearts of men and of nations that climate which can bring us to our first experience of real peace?

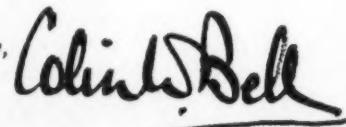
May I quote here some words of that great Spaniard, Salvador de Madariaga:

Peace is no negative state which turns up through the absence of war. Peace is not going to come about by mere bleating. The work of peace is hard work: the hardest of all. For we shall not obtain a state of peace unless we keep in check the herd of wild beasts which we harbor in our individual and natural heart . . . the tiger, and the dog as well, and the swine also, not to forget the donkey—all the zoo which is in us must be kept rigorously in leash every day and everywhere. Like the price of liberty, the price of peace is eternal vigilance, but also eternal activity . . .

Nor is it possible to rely on the fear of war, for fear never stopped man at the gates of folly . . . Easier, ten times easier, to drift into war than to defend peace against the ever-recurring attacks of the war disease. The world must know that if it wants peace it must work for it.

Christmas is coming. How can we look it in the face? Only by working for the real peace. The stories in this *Bulletin* tell of two small efforts—one to further good relations between the nations of men, the other to work on a problem of relationships among our own people. I believe they both have something about them of the message of the Prince of Peace.

Yours sincerely,



Colinda S. Bell  
Executive Secretary

### NEW YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPS

The Service Committee is now developing a program of expanded opportunities for young people to join in community development work around the world.

Some 12 appointments are expected to launch the program within the next few months; a few appointments have already been made. By the summer and fall of 1961, it is hoped that approximately 50 young people will be in the field.

This step is taken as a way for young American men and women, most of them recent college graduates, to relate more directly to the social and humanitarian problems of the world.

The program will offer opportunities of

combined service and intercultural learning to able volunteers who are yet too young to have developed the highly technical skills of the expert. By providing such intermediate experience, the Committee hopes to encourage young people who are deeply motivated to contribute what they can in the interest of world understanding and cooperation among nations.

Exploration is continuing for specific and appropriate areas of work for the apprentices. Reports list possibilities in France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, India, and Tanganyika, as well as in the United States. Other assignments might be in Nigeria or the High Andes region of South America.

### Friends Help Flood Victims in India

An AFSC grant of \$2,200 has been sent to India toward relief of flood victims in the state of Orissa where the Committee is currently at work on village development. Reports from the AFSC project director in Barpali are that two million people in an area of 5,400 square miles have been affected.

The Indian Government requested aid from voluntary agencies to help meet the tragic needs. In response, the AFSC Barpali Village Service team will work in the affected area nearest to them and have asked for \$5,000 to carry out their effort. Since \$2,800 had already been offered by the Oxford Famine Relief in England, the AFSC gift brought the total to the required amount. The money was appropriated from the Committee's Emergency Relief Fund.

## THE QUAKER UNITED NATIONS TEAM -- AT WORK

By CECIL EVANS

THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY, Friends have sought to take their part in the ministry of reconciliation between nations.

Particularly devoted to this service were such early Friends as William Penn and Robert Barclay—and more recently, Rufus Jones and Carl Heath. Quaker work at the United Nations today is in this same tradition. Cosponsored by AFSC and the Friends World Committee, the Quaker United Nations Program has three purposes:

- ▶ to make known the concerns of Friends to U.N. delegates and members of the Secretariat,
- ▶ to share with the U.N. the worldwide experience of Quaker workers,
- ▶ to inform Friends of the work of the U.N.

The work of the current Quaker U.N. team in New York City touches many of the nearly 90 items being discussed at this historic 15th session of the General Assembly. The six team members have been actively concerned with the problems of East-West relations, disarmament, and the political growth of the non-self-governing terri-

ties of the world. Working quietly but diligently, the team brings a Quaker witness and Quaker experience into discussions of the Far and Middle East, South Asia, and Africa.

### Work Takes Many Forms

This work of reconciliation takes many forms. If you were to watch the team in action on any particular day, you might see a Friend from South Africa listening attentively to a debate in the Fourth Committee on the future of colonial territories. During lunch at Quaker House, three other Friends, members of the team, would be exploring with a Western delegate prospects for a fresh approach to disarmament. In the Secretariat Building, you might see another Friend discussing plans for channeling a Quaker self-imposed tax

to U.N. agencies, while in the main building, another member of the team would be briefing a group of Friends from Iowa and North Carolina on plans for their seminar. One block away, on the sixth floor of the Carnegie Building, AFSC secretaries would be transcribing reports or handling an incoming rush of telephone calls.

The team meets at Quaker House several times a week to plan and coordinate its manifold activities. Each staff meeting begins with a period of deep silence. In these silences, the spiritual basis of our work becomes clear. We are moved to encourage those who work for a meeting of minds at the United Nations, and for the establishment of a world community based on peace and justice. This we believe to be the will of God for man on earth.



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Alex Morisey

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### New Publications

**HIGH SCHOOL SEMINARS 1960-61** — A six-panel illustrated folder; general interpretation of the program.

WORK IS LOVE MADE VISIBLE — A folder describing six Work and Study Programs: Institutional Service Units, Internes in Community Service, Internes in Industry, Overseas Work Camps, U.S. Work Camps, and Community Service in Latin America.

**MEXICO COMMUNITY SERVICE 1961** — A single-sheet flyer describing opportunities for young people who are interested in volunteer service in Mexico.

**RESPONSE** — A twelve-panel folder describing the following programs for high school students: School Affiliation Service, Work Camps, World Affairs Camps and Institutes, High-School and Workshop Seminars.

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and homes eager to accept the students as "family members."

Shortly before schools opened, a total of 47 Prince Edward County children had joined 42 families in 10 communities which had volunteered for this project.

The students, in grades ranging from 7 to 12, are in Baltimore, Md.; Moorestown, N. J.; Yeadon, Lansdowne, and Media, Pa.; Dayton and Yellow Springs, Ohio; Inkster and Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Iowa City, Iowa. The two Quaker institutions in the project are Moorestown Friends and Scattergood Schools.

While the Emergency Placement Project is an approach to the second question, the first is not being neg-.

lected. Even the initial steps last summer undertook to discover the educational needs and leadership resources in the county. These included a survey conducted in cooperation with the Prince Edward County Christian Association. The president of the organization, the Rev. Leslie F. Griffin, worked closely with the AFSC and is continuing to work with the Committee to solve the problem.

A full-time staff member began work this fall in Prince Edward County. Through this basic program the AFSC hopes to strengthen the possibility for a permanent solution which will (1) support the American belief in the importance of public schools in a democracy, (2) uphold the role of the judiciary as an interpreter of the Constitution, and (3) affirm the religious principles underlying racial justice.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT — A flyer describing AFSC efforts to help individuals and groups provide a "house to put a family in."

#### A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Again this year the Service Committee's Christmas Gift Plan is available to contributors.

Instead of personal gifts to friends or associates, contributions in their name may be made to the AFSC. An attractive Christmas card is then sent by the Service Committee to each honoree.

**REFUGEE PROGRAM IN HONG KONG, REPORT  
No. 2—An illustrated folder describing a  
threefold program for Chinese refugees.**

**SUGGESTION**  
beyond the regular AFSC contributions, are an extra channel to share the spirit of the season.

The AFSC also receives gifts in honor of births, anniversaries, weddings, and other events, and notes of acknowledgment are sent if requested. A printed card is available to acknowledge memorial gifts.

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